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Please see attached Amendment E. Thank you.

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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Karpenko

Attorney Docket No.: VISAP022

Application No.: 09/390,937

Examiner: Dixon, Thomas A.

Filed: September 7, 1999

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Title: SELF-PAYING SMART UTILITY METER
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AMENDMENT E TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	10	MINUS	28	0	x 9 = 0	x 18 = 0
Independent Claims	2	MINUS	6	0	x 42 = 0	x 84 = 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$140.00	\$280.00
Total					\$0	\$0

☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.

☒ Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. VISAP022).

Respectfully submitted,
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 19, 2003, please consider the following
amendments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2
of this papers.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.